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DURHAM RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Health Department, Byland Lodge, Durham.

To the Chairman and Members of the Durham Rural District Council.

Gentlemen,

ANNUAL REPORT 1950

I herewith submit my fourth Annual Report on the sanitary circumstances, the sanitary administration and the vital statistics of the Durham Rural District Council.

During the year good progress was made in rehousing families from condemned and overcrowded houses and a priority was given to cases of pulmonary tuberculosis where such were inadequately housed.

The report shows that the high standard of health in the District was fully maintained during the year and one of the most satisfactory results was the Infantile Mortality rate which made a considerable drop from 50 per 1,000 live births to 31.12 per 1,000 live births. This is the lowest ever rate recorded for this district. Both the death-rate and birth-rate show a small decrease but still compare favourably with that for England and Wales. There was no serious epidemic of infectious disease during the year.

I append tables showing the various statistics and details of work carried out during the year.



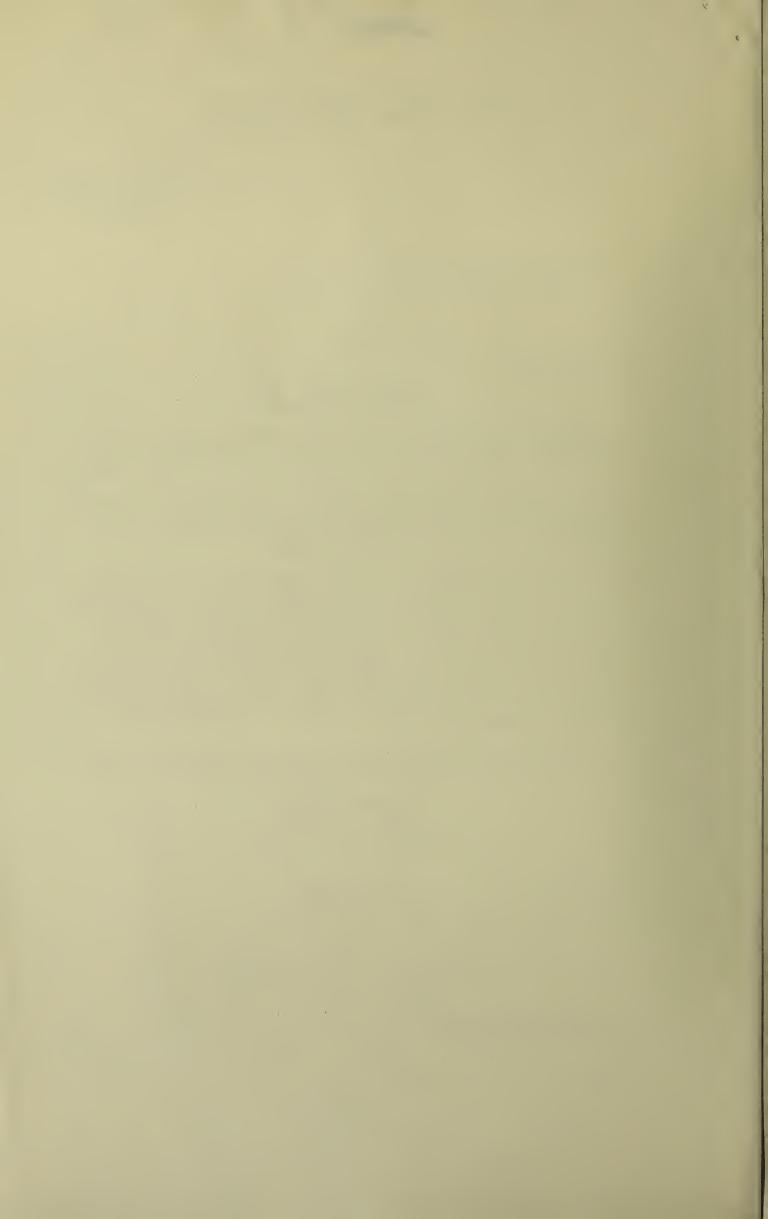
I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

D. D. Nichol, M.B., B.S., D.P.H., B.Hy,

Medical Officer of Health.

1st September, 1951.



I GENERAL STATISTICS

Area in Acres34,587
Population
No. of Inhabited houses (1950) according to rate books 9,579
Rateable value£122,253
Sum represented by a penny rate

II EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR

(Legitimate Births(Illegitimate	Total 491 23	240	Foma 16 251 13	
Still (Legitimate Births(Illegitimate	16 3	6 2	10) Rate 0.56 per) 1,000 of the population.
Deaths	358	175	183	Death-rate 10.56 per 1,000 of the population.
Deaths of Infants under	l year o	f age.		Rate per 1,000 Live Births
Logitimate Illegitimate	. 14 . 2	6 -	8 2	27.23 3.89
Infant mortality	•	or all r l yea		en 31.12
Deaths from Measles (a Deaths from Whooping C Deaths from Diarrhoea Deaths from Cancer (al Deaths from Tuberculos	ough (al (under 2 l ages)	l ages	of age	0 1 43

TABLE I

Birth Rate, Death Rate, Analysis of Mortality, Maternal Deathrate and Case Rates for certain Infectious Diseases in the year

rate and Case Rates for certain Infecti 1950.	ous Diseases	in the year
	England & Wales	Durham R.D.C.
	Rates per 1,	000 population
Births:		
Live Still	15.8 0.37	15.16
Deaths:	٠	
All causes Typhoid and paratyphoid Whooping Cough Diphtheria Tuberculosis Influenza Smallpox Acute Poliomyelitis (including polioencephalitis) Pneumonia	11.6 0.00 0.01 0.00 0.36 0.10 0.00	10.56 0.00 0.00 0.02 0.47 0.02 0.00
Notifications (corrected):		
Typhoid Fever Paratyphoid Fever Moningococcal infection Scarlet Fever Whooping Cough Diphtheria Erysipelas Smallpox Moasles Pneuronia Acute poliomyelitis (including polio-		0.00 0.00 0.02 0.64 2.39 0.08 0.06 0.00 12.56 1.09
enc e phalitis) Paralytic Non-paralytic Food Poisoning	0.13 0.05 0.17	0.02 0.00 0.00
	Rates per 1	.00 live births
Deaths:	,	
All causes under 1 year of age	29.8	31.12
Enteritis and diarrhoea under 2 years of age	1.9	1.9
	Rates per and stil	1,000 live
Notifications (corrected):		
Puerperal fever and pyrexia	5.81	1.88
		

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Maternal Hortality:

International List number and Causes		Durham R.D.C. 1,000 total ill) births
651 Abortion with sepsis 650,652 Other abortion 640-649, 670-678 Complication of pregnancy and delivery 681 Sepsis of childbirth and the	C.09 0.05 0.54	0.00 0.00 0.00
puerperium 680,682-689 Other complications of the puerperium	0.03 0.15	0.00

TABLE II

Individual Causes of Death

	Male	Female
Tuberculosis - other Syphilitic disease Diphtheria Whooping Cough Meningococcal infections Acute poliomyelitis Measles Other infective and parasitic diseases Malignant neoplasm of stomach Malignant neoplasm of lung and bronchus Malignant neoplasm of uterus Other Malignant and lymphatic neoplasms Loukaemia, aleukaemia Diabetes Vascular lesions of nervous system Coronary disease, angina Hypertension with heart disease Other heart disease Other circulatory disease Influenza Pnoumonia Bronchitis Other disease of respiratory system Ulcer of stomach and duodenum Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea Nephritis and nephrosis Hyperplasia of prostate Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion Congenital malformation Other defined and illdefined diseases Motor vehicle accidents All other accidents Suicide Honicide and operations of war	11 10000000320010156875148204110192831	402100000313372276838048000200311400
	175	183

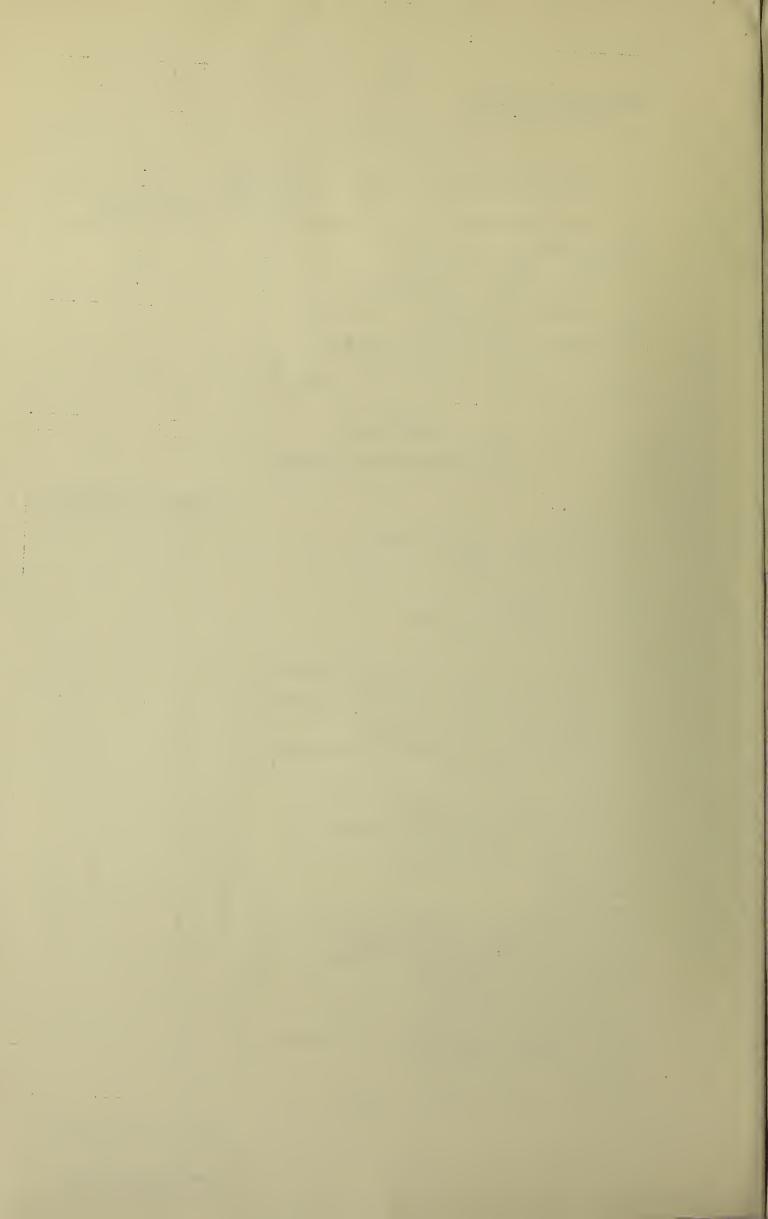


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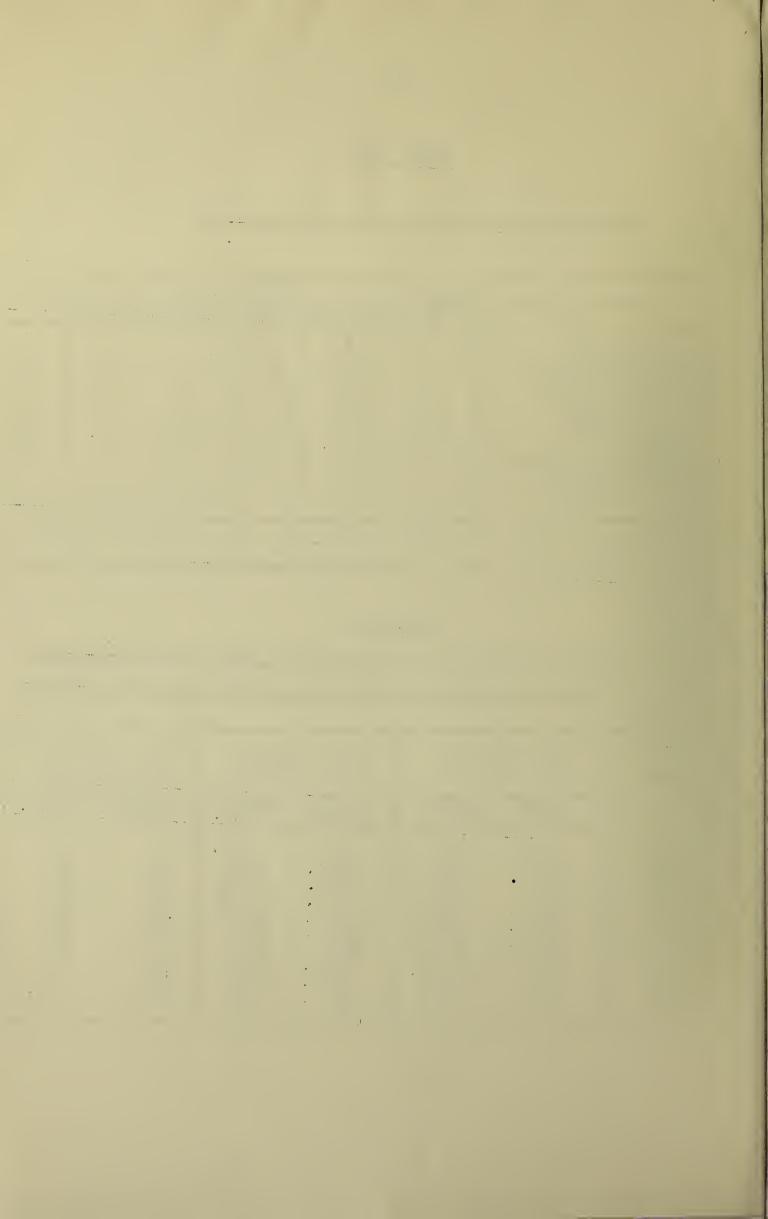
Infantile Mortality Rate during the Year 1950

Causes of Death	Under 1 wk				Total under 1 mmth	1-3 nth	3-6 mth	1		Total
Convulsions Bronchopneumonia Gastrocnteritis Asphyxia due to overlaying Prematurity Dyspnoea Pontine haemorrhage Congenital mal- formation	1 1	1 111 111	1	1 1155 1115	4 1 2	1 - 1 - 2	1	2	1 - 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	1 3 1 4 1 4
Totals	7	-	1	-	8	4	2	2	_	16

Vital Statistics of the District for 1950 and previous Years

Comparative Table with England and Wales for past ten years.

Year	Birth Rat 1,000 popu		Doath Ra 1,000 pop		Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births				
	England & Wales	Durham R.D.C.	England & Wales	Dùrhan R.D.C.	England & Wales	Durhan R.D.C.			
1941 1942 1943 1944 1945 1946 1947 1948 1949	14.2 15.8 16.5 17.6 16.1 19.6 20.5 17.9 16.7 15.8	17:30 19:0 19:43 20:47 18:92 22:57 21:47 18:04 17:65 15:16	12:9 11:6 12:1 11:6 11:4 11:5 12:0 10:8 11:7 11:6	12.02 10.9 11.04 11.43 11.38 10.6 11.31 9.81 11.87 10.56	59 49 49 46 46 43 41 34 32 29.8	73 42 56 66 44 50 44 64 50 31.12			



VITAL STATISTICS

Birth-rate: - During the year 514 births were registered, 250 being males and 264 females. Of these 23 were illegitimate.

The birth-rate of 15.16 per 1,000 of the population compares favourably with that for England and Woles which was 15.8 per 1,000 population, but nevertheless it is the lowest on record for this area.

Death-rate: The general death-rate of 10.56 per 1,000 population is the second lowest on record for this district, the previous lowest being 9.81 per 1,000 population in 1948. The rate for England and Wilos was 11.6.

Infant Mortality Rate: The rate for this area in 1950 was 31.12 per 1,000 live births. This is a considerable and satisfactory decrease from 50 per 1,000 of the previous year.

This is the lowest infant mortality rate ever recorded for this district and compares more favourably than in the past with a rate of 29.8 per 1,000 live births for England and Wales.

Sixteen children out of a total of 514 births died before reaching one year of age. The primary causes of death were Prematurity and Congenital Malformation, 4 each; Bronchopneumonia 3; and Convulsions, Gastroenteritis, Asphyxia due to overlaying, Dyspnoea and Pontine haemorrhage, 1 each.

Maternal Mortality: Once more it is pleasing to report no maternal deaths during 1950 and therefore the rate is "Nil", compared with that of 0.86 for England and Wales.

Individual Causes of Death: - Heart diseases again proved to be the primary causes of death during 1950 with 141, which was an increase of 25 over the previous year.

Deaths from Cancer showed a decrease of 25 from 68 to 43.

Deaths from all types of Tuberculosis also decreased by 4 from 20 to 16.

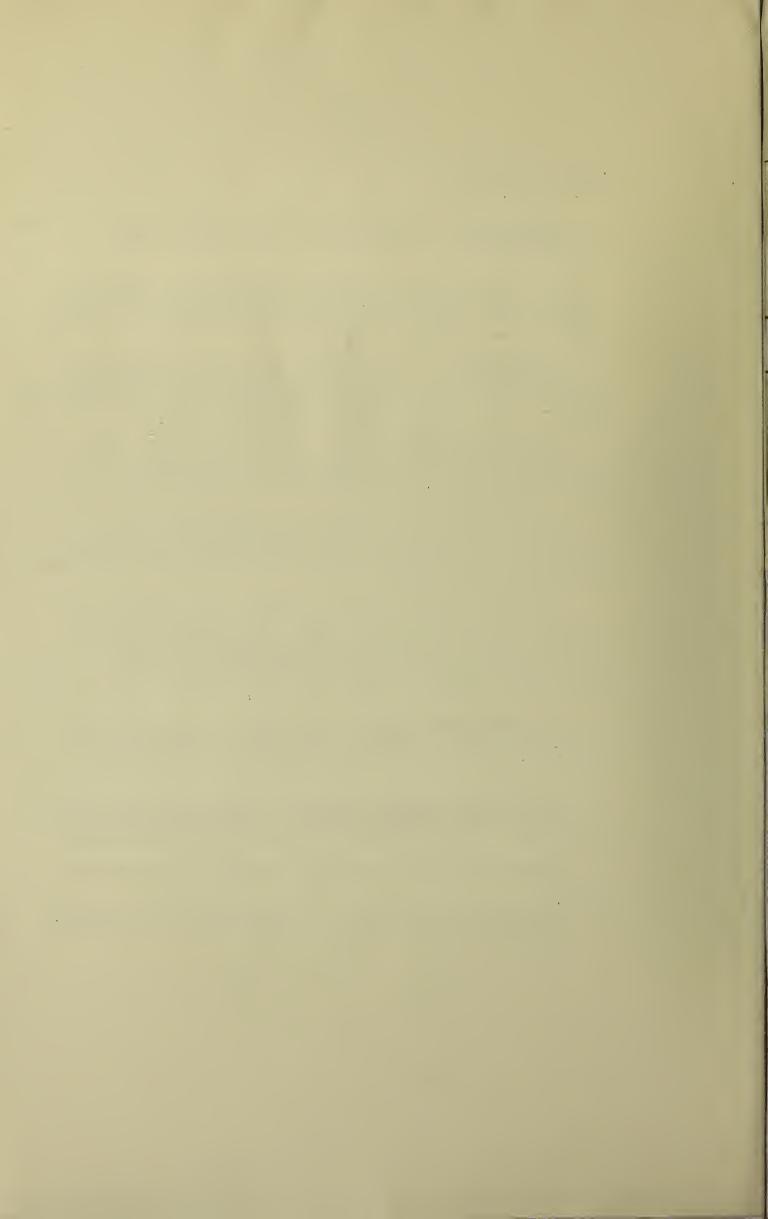


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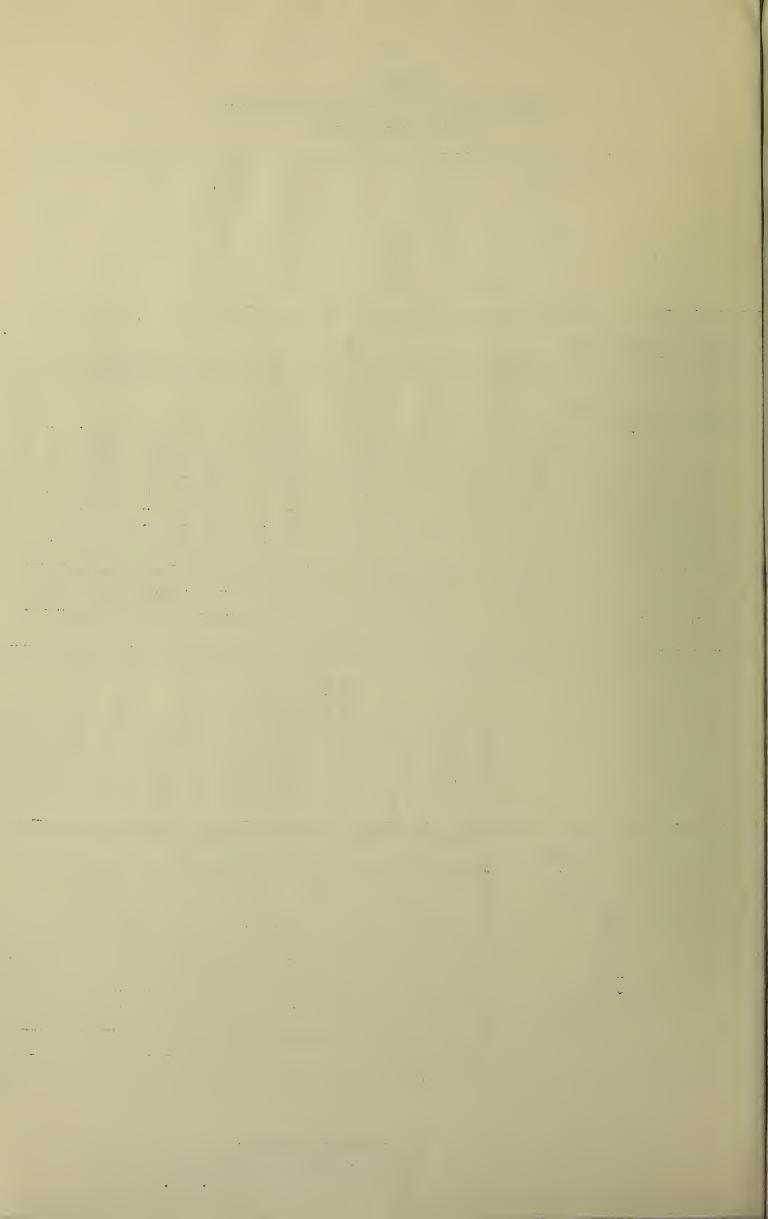
Final Numbers of Infectious Disease

After Correction.

	ر د د د	HOLDER CASE	Whooding	Çon ^ç ji	Acute	Poliotyslitis	Acute Polio-	Encelhalitis		Mearles		Diphtheria
Numbers originally notified, all ages.	M. 21	F.	M. 41	F.	M. 1	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M. 12	9
Final numbers after correction. Yrs (- 1 1 - 3 3 - 5 5 - 10 10 - 15 15 - 25 25 yrs & over Age unknown	-16431-	132-1-	3 15 16 7	3 10 12 13 - 1	. 4 1 7 1 1 1 1	111111	. 4141111	111111	10 59 56 61 5	12 55 77 82 2 -	1	1 1 - 1
Total	15	7	41	40]	,	-		193	233	1	3

		Acute Pneumonia		Dysentory	Smallnox		Acute	litis		Typhoid Fever	Paratyphoid		* C * L C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C		Food		N		Puorporal Pyrexia		Vontha Lmia heonatorum
Original Notifications	M 23	.F	M -	F 1		.F'	M .	F -	M.	F.	М		M. 2	F.	M .	F.	M.	F.	F•	M	F.
Final numbers after correction Yrs 0 - 5 5 - 15 15 - 45 45 - 65 65 & over Age unknown	52641 -	10 1 4 3 1	11111	- 1			1 - 1 - 1 - 1	11111		0111	11111	11111	1 - 1	1	11111	11111	11111	1		11111	
Total	18	19	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1		-	-	1	9	1	-

Pucrperal Pyrexia
8 Notifications from Croxdale Hall
Maternity Home being persons not resident in Durham R.D.C.



INFECTIOUS DISEASE

SCARLET FEVER

Twenty-two cases of Scarlet Fever were notified during the year which was an appreciable reduction on the previous year when 56 cases were notified. The cases were notified evenly over the year and no particular parish was greatly affected. No deaths occurred from the infection which again appeared to be of a low virulence.

DIPHTHERIA

Diphtheria notifications also showed a reduction from 18 in 1949 to 4 in 1950, one of which was over 15 years of age.

Three cases occurred in the third and fourth quarters whilst the remaining one was notified in the second quarter. There was one death and the child who died had not been immunised. This appears to give cortinued evidence of the value of the several immunisation campaigns carried out by this Council.

MEASLES

Measles showed an increase from 105 notifications to 426. This figure practically coincides with the 542 notifications in 1948. In should be pointed out that measles seem to occur in two yearly cycles. No deaths occurred from this disease.

WHOOPING COUGH

Notifications of Whooping Cough numbered 81 which was exactly half the number notified in the previous year. The majority of the cases occurred in the last three quarters of the year only five being notified in the first quarter. No deaths were recorded from Whooping Cough.

POLIO-MYELITIS

One case of Polio-myelitis was notified during the fourth quarter of the year. The patient was immediately removed to Isolation Hospital. The patient following treatment in hospital considerably improved.

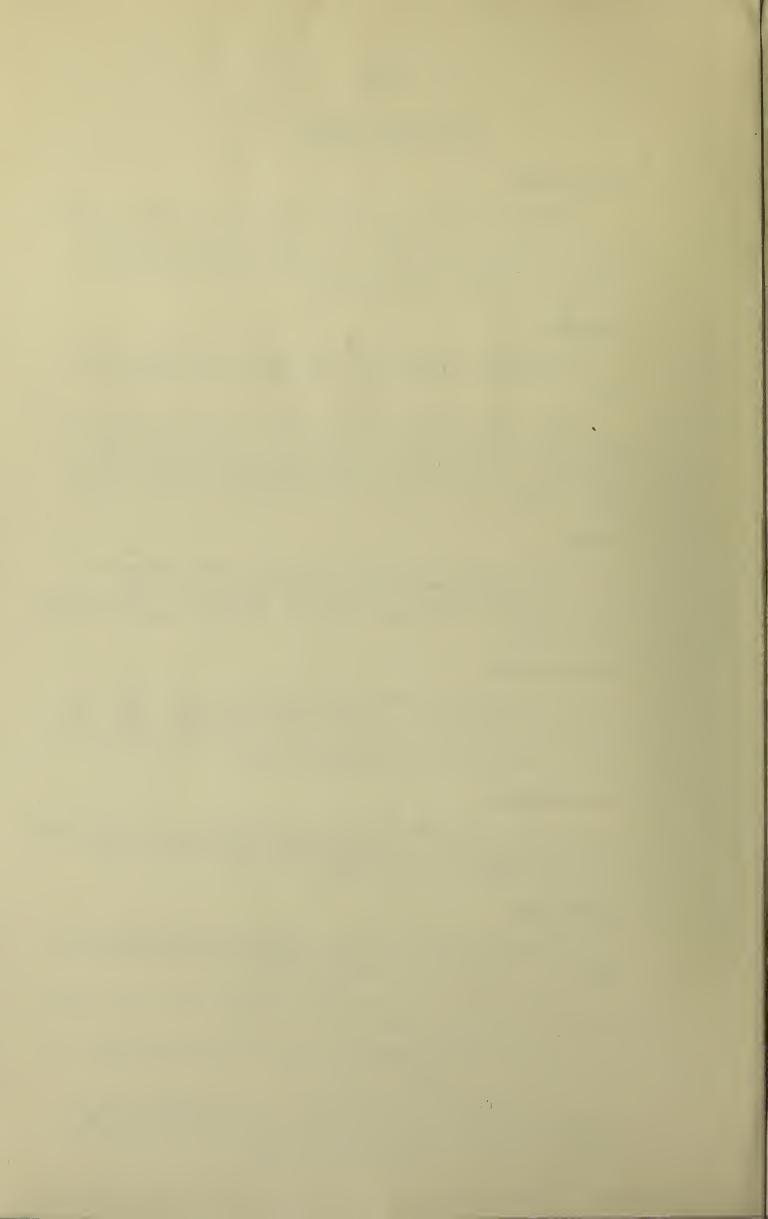
TUBERCULOSIS

During the year 47 cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis were notified, 30 being in males and 17 in females. This is an increase of 16 over the previous year.

Notifications of Non-pulmonary Tuberculosis also showed an increase from 7 in 1949 to 11 in 1950.

Fifteen deaths occurred from Pulmonary Tuberculosis and one from Non-pulmonary Tuberculosis.

The increase in notifications of Tuberculosis, in my opinion, is attributed to the extensive campaign of Mass Radiography which has been carried out during the past two years in Factories, Mines and Workshops.



TUBERCULOSIS

TABLE VI

The following are the Mortality Rates:-

Pulmonary Tuberculosis Mortality Rate .45 per 1,000 population.

Non-pulmonary Tuberculosis Mortality Rate .03 per 1,000 population.

New Cases of Tuberculosis Notified during 1950.

Age s	Pulmo Males	nary Fcmales	Non-pul Males	monary Females
0- 1 yrs 1- 5 yrs 5-10 yrs 10-15 yrs 15-20 yrs 20-25 yrs 25-35 yrs 35-45 yrs 45-65 yrs 0ver 65 yrs	- 1 3 2 6 4 6 3 5	- 2 5 2 6 1 1	1 2 2 1 -	1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 -
Totals	30	17	7	4

Number of Cases of Tuberculosis on Register at 31st December, \$250

	Pul	monary	Non-pı	ılmonary	#Total :			
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females		
31st December 1950 31st December 1949		130 118	168 1 62	145 141	314 292	275 259		

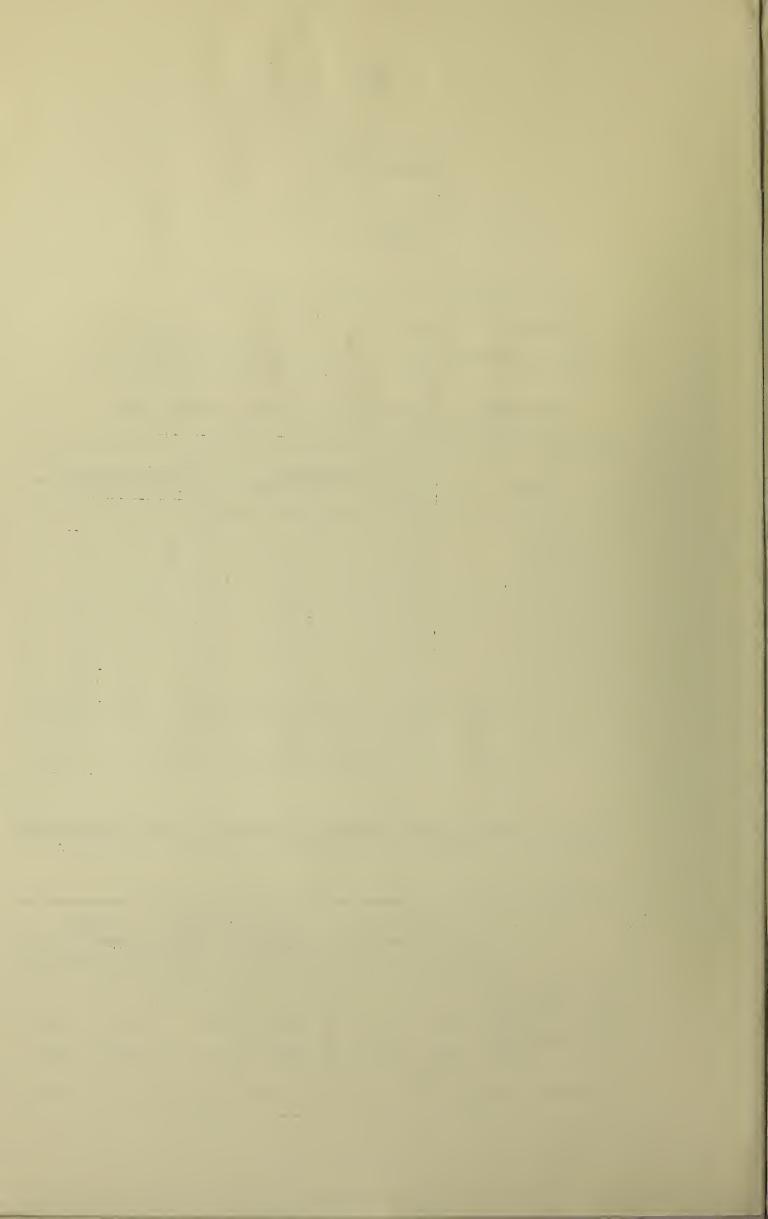


TABLE VII

Comparative Figures for the Notification of Tuberculosis PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS

Notifications

Agos	1950 M F	1949 M F	1948 M F	1947 M F	1946 M F	1945 M F	1944 M F
0- 1 yrs 1- 5 yrs 5-10 yrs 10-15 yrs 15-20 yrs 20-25 yrs 25-35 yrs 35-45 yrs 45-65 yrs over 65 yrs	13264635	- 1 2 1 1 4 3 2 4 1	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 5 1 1 2 2 -	1 1 2 1 2 1	1 2 2 7 1 1	2 - 3 - 7 - 3 - 3 3 3	1 - 1 3 - 1 1 2
Total	30 17	19 12	11 12	10 4	13 10	19 8	7 4

NON PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS

Notifications

Ages	1950 M F	1949 M F	1948 M F	1947 M F	1946 M F	1945 M F	1944 M F
0- 1 yr 1- 5 yrs 5-10 yrs 10-15 yrs 15-20 yrs 20-25 yrs 25-35 yrs 35-45 yrs 45-65 yrs over 65 yrs		- 2 - 1 1 - 1 - 1	242113	1 1 2 1 1 2 1 - 1	1 - 1 1 2 2 1 1 1	1 2 5 5 6 2 1 	1 2 4 2 1 1 1 - 1 1
Totals	7 4	3 4	9 8	6 5	7 6	9 18	7 6

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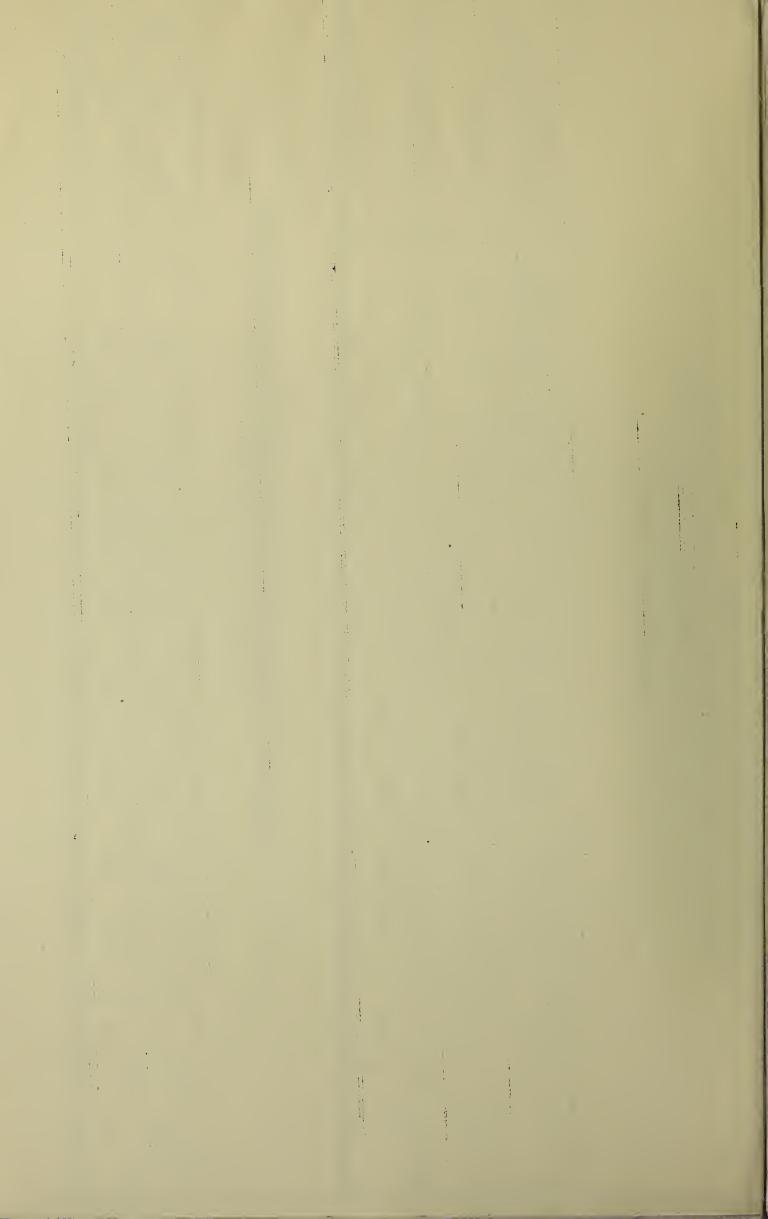
TABLE VIII

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

Records received during the year of reinforcing injections	0 15	83
uring courseš sation.	Total	298
ceived d of full y immuni	5-15	27
Records received during the year of full courses of primary immunisation.	U n der 5	271
rcentage ation c.,1950.	- 15	€ 6
mated per .ld Popula .31st Dec	No.	4506
Number and estimated percentage of Mid-1950 Child Population immunised up to 31st Dec.,1950.	5	28
Number of Mid immuni	undèr 5 No•	812
Livo Eirths Registored	1949 1950	514
Live	1349	589
Child Population Mid-1950	5 - 15	4887
Child Pc Mid-	Under 5	2946

Number of Children who had completed a full course of immunisation at any time up to 31st December, 1950.

		1
14 1936	416	
13 1937	457	
12	284	,
11 1939	478	
10	477	
9 1941	530	
8	556	
1943	201	
6 1944	761	į
5	146	
4 1946	214	
5	159	
2	323	
1	200	
Under 1 1950	16	



ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

Separate Statistics of Road Accidents were first compiled in 1944 and below is the yearly record to 31st December 1950:-

1950 1949 1948 1947 1946 1945 1944 Number of deaths 3 2 1 - 1 3

SANITARY INSPECTION

The Sanitary Inspection of the District was fully and efficiently maintained during the year and the following is a Summary of Formal and Informal Action taken:-

I PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS

	Informal Notices	Formal Notices	No. of Nuisances abated
Dwelling Houses) Foul Conditions and Schools)Structural Defects) Overcrowding Ashpits and Privies Deposits of Refuse and Manure Waterclosets Defective Yard Paving House Drainage) Defective Traps) Other Faults Water Supply Pigsties Animals Improperly Kept Smoke Nuisances Other Nuisances Defective Ashbins Privy Conversions Dangerous Buildings Rat Infestation Scullery Sinks	16 102 26 32 12 40 51 21 31 55 12 6	1 1 1 3 1 8 56 - 3	12 76 13 21 29 41 21 38 20 20 5
Totals	732	83	642

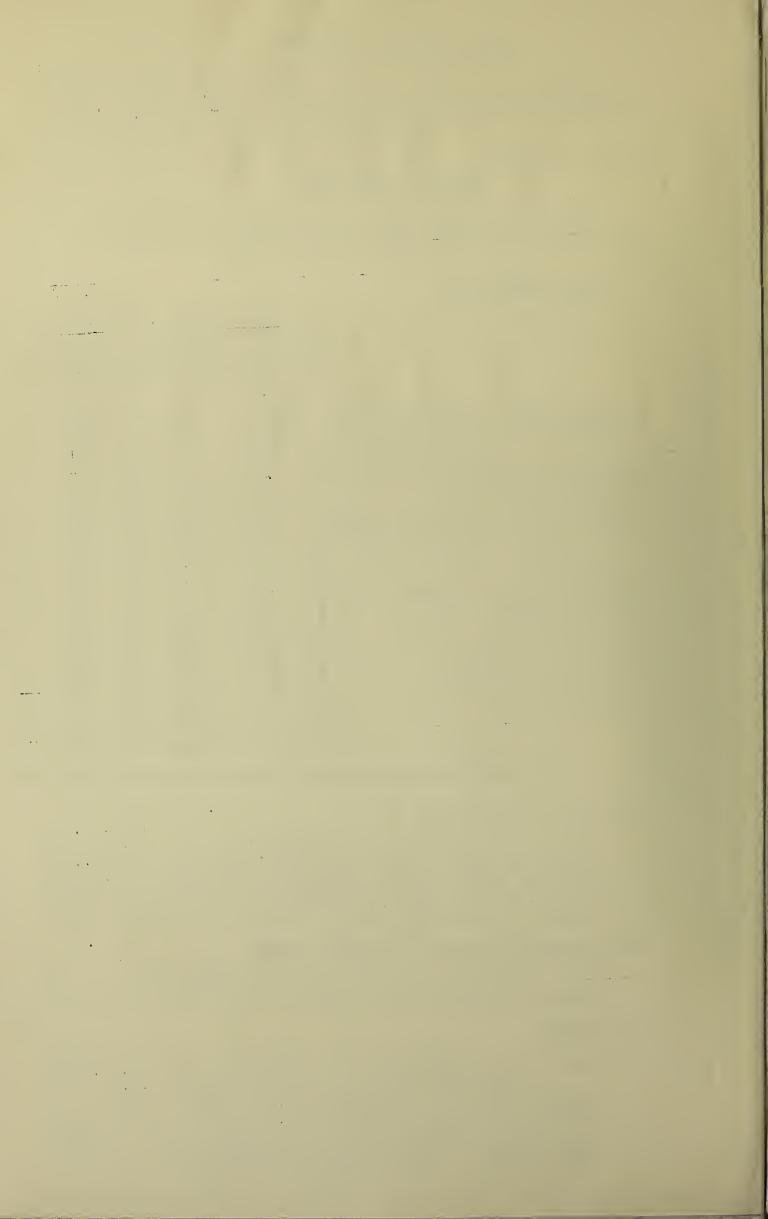
II Water, Food & Drugs

III Precautions against Infectious Disease

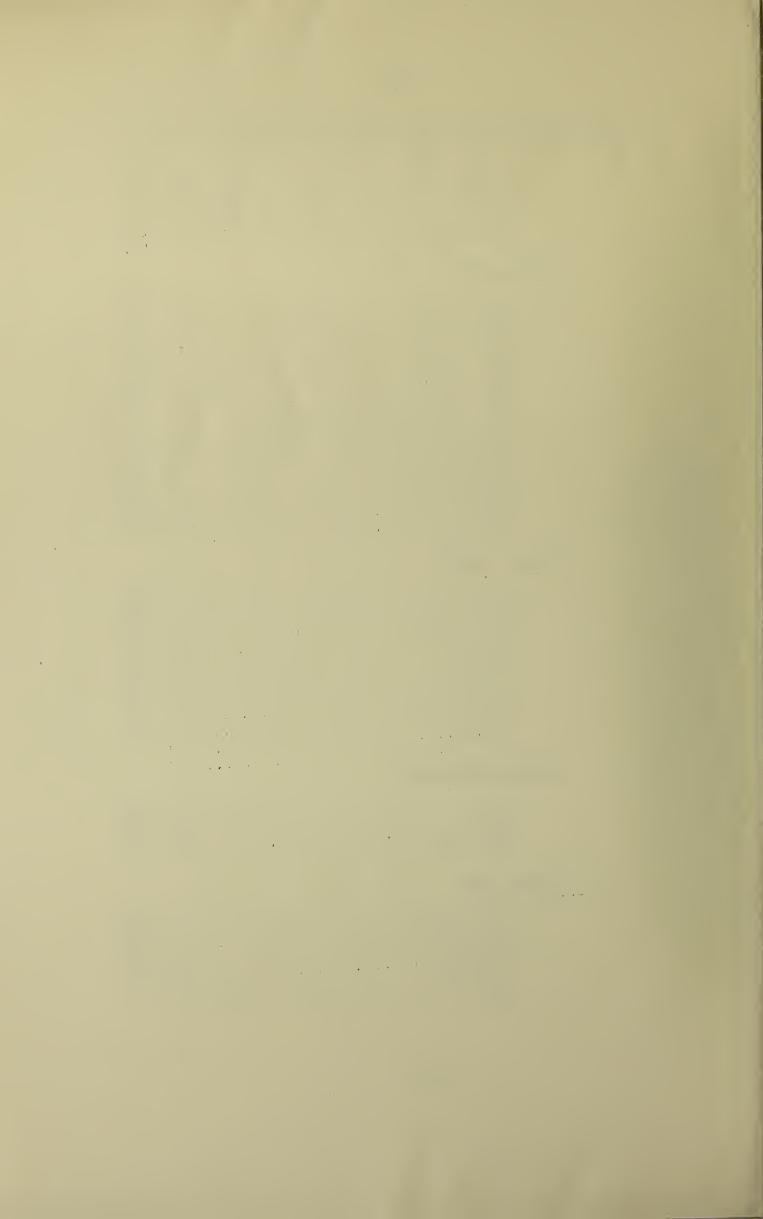
Lots of Infectious	Bedding stoved or	destroyed49
		Disease49

IV General

Number of new houses erected) Council	242
during the year) Private	18
Number of such now houses occupied during the year	ar260
Ashpit-privies converted into waterclosets	4
Earthclosets converted into water closets	
Total number of Waterclosets in District	7168
Total number of Ashclosets in District	1414
Total number of Ashpit-privies in District	



	owing quantities of unwholesome food were volutarily surrendered during the year.
	English Beef
TINN	ED MEATS
	Danish Pork
TINN	ED FRUITS
	Poars
TINN	ED VEGETABLES
	Peas
,T, T.NN.	ED FISH
	Mussels



MISCELLANEOUS

Potatoes40 cwt	
Barley	S •
Butterl cwt.41 lb	
Currants1 cwt.783/4 lt	
Sultanas	
Marmalade	i D
Pickles4 jars	
Sweet Puddingslo jars	
Mince Meat	
Sandwich Spreadl jar	

FISH

Cod......5 cases

WATER SUPPLIES

The supply of water throughout the area has been satisfactory in both quantity and quality except in the case of Ludworth where arrangements are being made to provide a piped supply from the Durham County Water Board's mains. The Water Board has completed the ring main on the Ludworth housing estate and the renewing of the pipes for the detailed supply is well in hand.

Examinations are carried out by the Durham County Water Board and in the case of the Shadforth supply by the Easington Council. Samples of water were taken from a well at an outlying cottage and were proved to be of a satisfactory nature.

The whole of the properties of the district are supplied with water from public water mains with the exception of a few outlying farms and cottages.

SEWERAGE & SEWAGE DISPOSAL WORKS

Sherburn and Framwellgate Moor Sewage Disposal Works

Informal enquiries have been held by the Inspector from the Ministry of Local Government and Planning in respect of the above schemes, and the Minister has given his informal approval to the proposals for the Franwellgate Moor Disposal Works.

Coxhoe and Bowburn Sewage Disposal Works

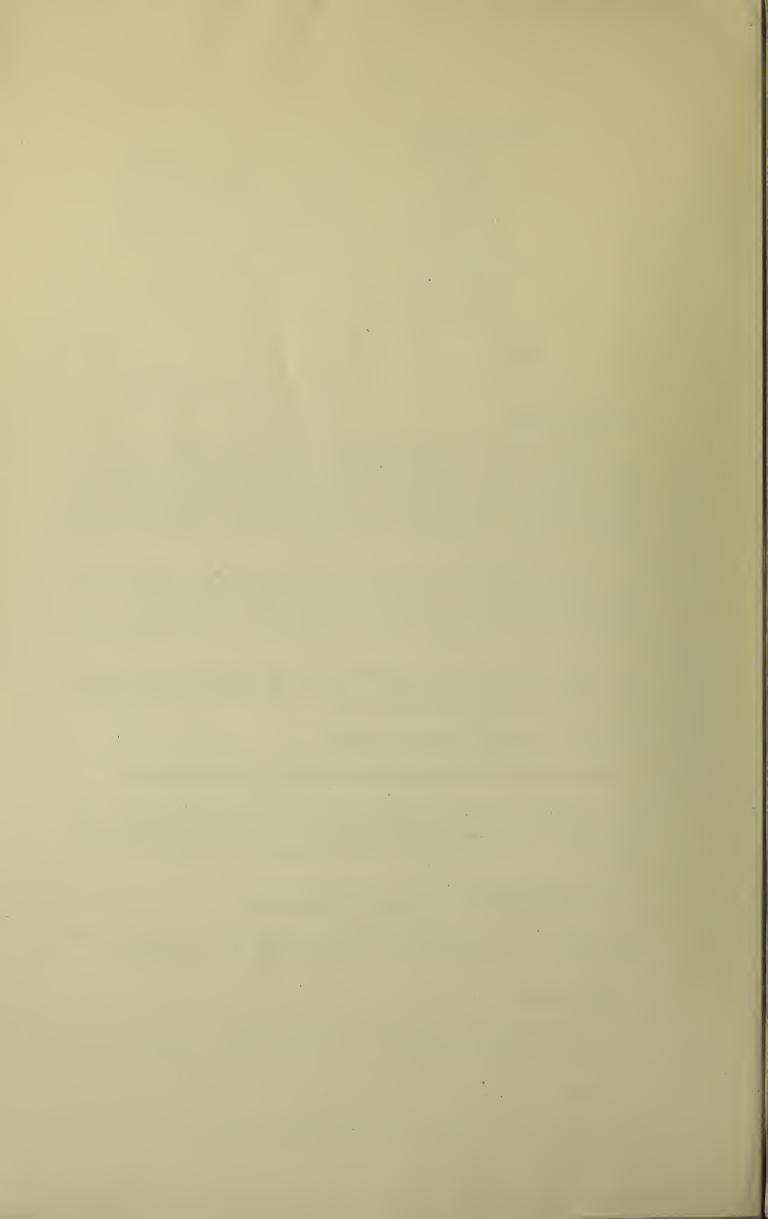
The working drawings are already at the Ministry of Local Government and Planning and notification of an enquiry is awaited.

West Rainton

Foul sewage from the school and some 10 houses discharged into an old rubble culvert. A new sewer was laid connecting to the foul sewerage system.

Cassop

The sewer at High Cross Street was relaid and the manholes reconstructed.



Bearpark.

The filter walls were damaged by colliery subsidence and were demolished and reconstructed.

General

New sludge beds were constructed at Brasside and Shincliffe Colliery. Painting and repairing of fittings and machinery has been carried out where necessary. Sludge beds have been re-ballasted and everything possible has been done to maintain a high standard of effluent from the various sewage disposal works in the district. Improvements to sewers and works are constantly under consideration.

SCAVENGING

During the year the removal of household refuse was carried out satisfactorily and much attention was given to the supervision of the various refuse tips to minimise any risk of nuisances being created.

Regular treatment was given by the rodent officer and good results were obtained in the control of rats.

Scavenging in the district is carried out by direct labour with the exception of Sunderland Bridge, Brancopeth, Hett and Garmondsway, where it is found more practicable to employ contractors.

HOUSING

Continued good progress was made in the provision of houses for people occupying condemned houses, and for over-crowded families and also double tenants who had not previously had a house.

Two hundred and forty two houses were built by the Council. These were spread over the new villages at Bowburn, Franwellgate Moor and Sherburn, also at Frechold, West Rainton, as follows:-

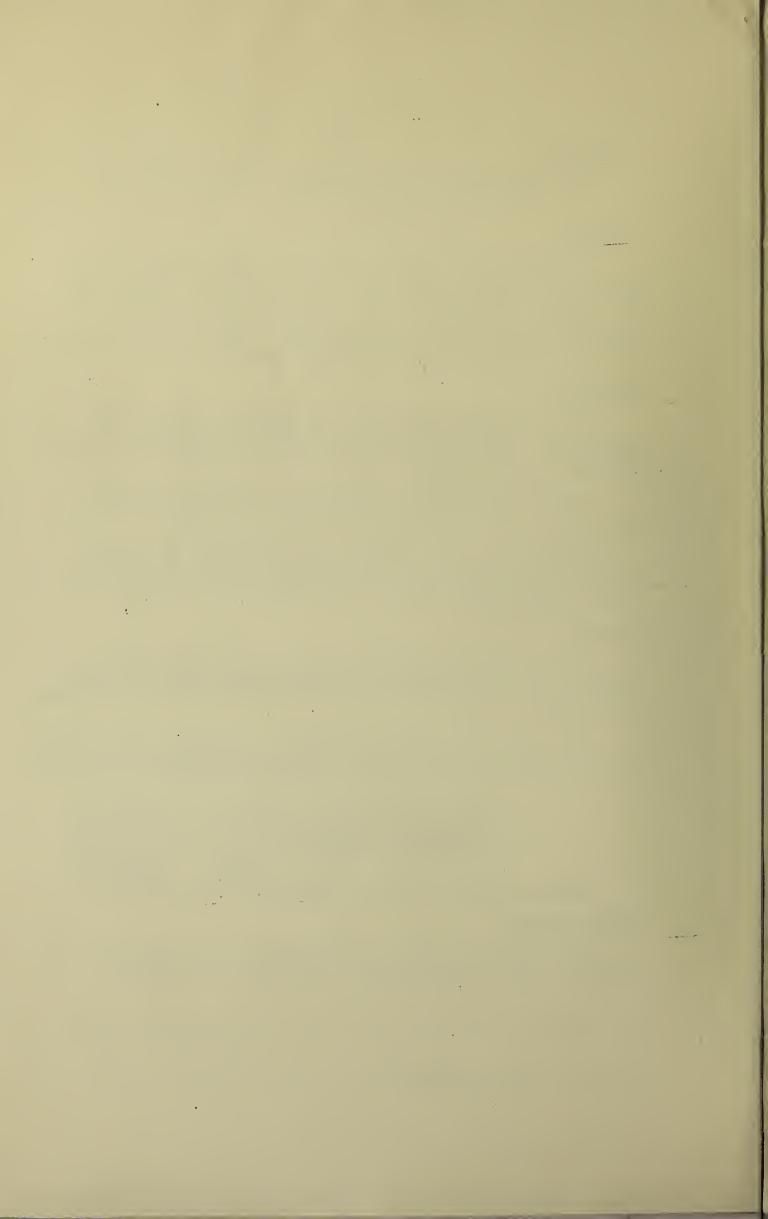
Eighteen houses were built privately during the year.

RODENT CONTROL

Maintenance treatment was continued of all the sewers and manholes. Each sewer received treatment twice during the year and good results were reported.

The Council's refuse tips were also kept under constant supervision.

Treatment was also given to Private Property, (e.g.dwelling houses), free of charge.



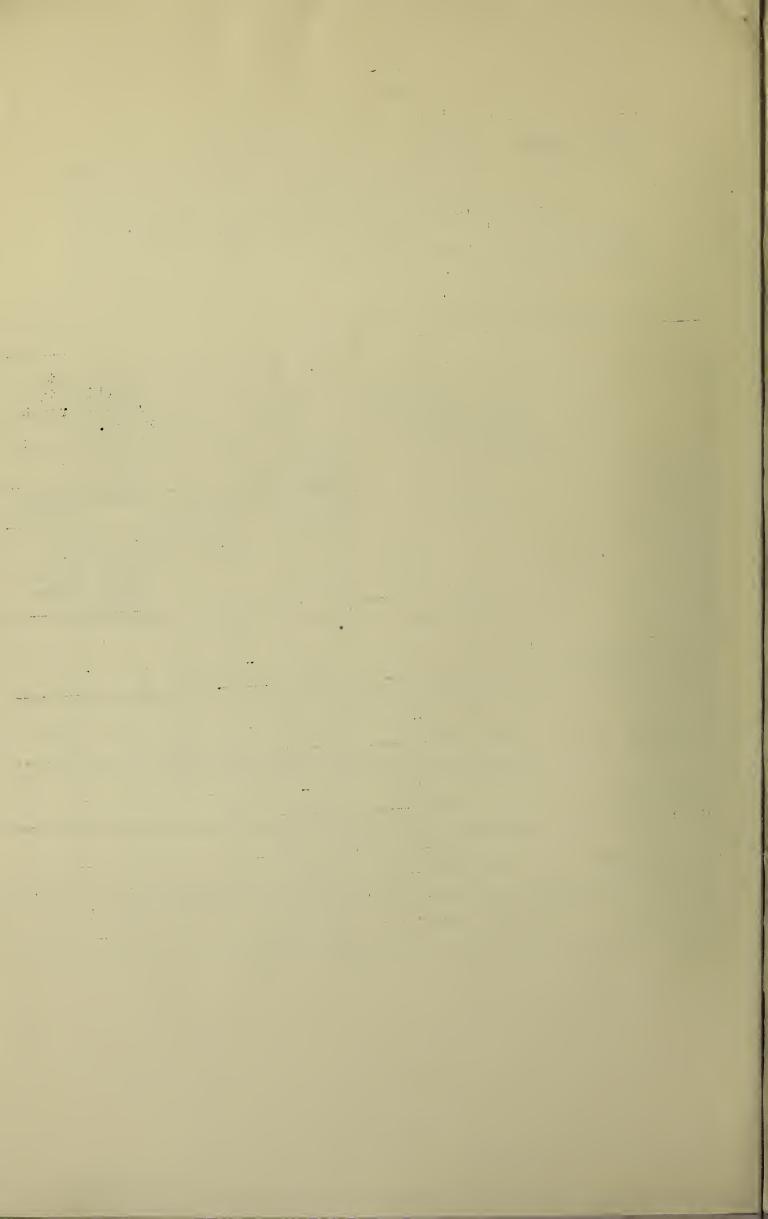
RODENT CONTROL (cont'd)

Business premises were treated on a rechargeable basis.

It was found that the heaviest infestations occurred at sewage works and refuse tips. Fourteen major infestations were reported and 13 of these came from such premises. The remaining major infestation resulted from Block Treatment of houses at Bearpark.

Below is a table showing the "Measures of Control" taken during the year.

	No.of prop- erties inspe- cted	inspe- ctions	pe motices ments ns Sec.4 e Arrange		No.of treat- ments carried out Arrange- ment with occupier		of diff	r Sec.	ies in œupancies S informal
,					Mice	Rats & Mice	No. of Blo cks	No.of sepa- rate occup- ancies	Assoc. Sewers No. of man- holes Treated
Local Authority proporty	41	217		82	-		-		
Dwelling Houses	2 9	89		58			1	10	57
Business Premises	21	66	, -	23				 	
Agricultural Property	5	26	-	10		~	~		
Total	96	398	-	173	-		1	10	57



FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948 Part 1 of the Act

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

Premises (1)	M/c linė No. (2)	No.on Regi- ster (3)		Written notices (5)	Occupiers prosecuted (6)	M/c liné No. (7)
(i) Factories in which Secs.1,2,3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	1	4	30	-	-	1
(ii) Factories not included in (i) which Sect.7 is enforced by the Local Authority	2	57	135	. 2	, -	2
(iii) Other Premises in which Sec.7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out- workers' premises)	3	-	, -	-	-	3
Total		61	165	2	-	

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars	M/c linė No•		r of cases were for Remedied	ound Refer To H.M.	defects rred . By H.M. Inspec-	cases in which pro- secutions were ins	No.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	tor (5)	to r (6)	tituted (7)	(8)
Want of cleanliness	4	-		-		·	4
Overcrowding	5	-	200	-	_	gamb	5
Unreasonable temperature	6		-		-	- Control of the Cont	6
Inadequate vent- ilation	7	_	-	-	-	-	7
Ineffective drain age of floors	8		-		~	*	8
Sanitary Convon- iences insufficient	9	5	7	-		-	9
(b) Unsuitable or defective	10	-		-	-	and a second sec	10
(c) Not separate	11		-	,	,		11
Other offences against the Act(not including offences relating to Outwork		-	-	-	-	~	12
Total	60	5	7	-	_	-	60

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